

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of my co-pending provisional patent application Serial No. 60/175,293, filed January 10, 2000, for Personnel Guidance and Location Control System (now abandoned), which is, in turn, a continuation-in-part of my co-pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/347,255, filed July 2, 1999, for Personnel Guidance and Location Control System now abandoned), and which is, in turn, a continuation of my co-pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/741,619, filed October 30, 1996, for Personnel Guidance and Location Control System (now abandoned). This application is also related to and covers matter related to that presented in my co-pending U.S. utility patent application Serial No. 09/307,104, filed May 6, 1999 (now abandoned), and my provisional U.S. patent application Serial No. 60/084,591, filed May 7, 1998 (now abandoned), and U.S. utility patent application Serial No. 09/307,337, filed May 6, 1999 (now abandoned), for Personnel Guidance and Location Control System.

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Other U.S. patents which disclose mats contain emergency personnel movement directions and include, for example, U.S. Patent No. 4,401,054 to Britt, et al; U.S. Patent No. 4,109,439, to Feasel; U.S. Patent No. 4,080,087 to Phillips; U.S. Patent No. 4,570,207 to Takahashi, et al; U.S. Patent No. 4,737,764 to Harrison; U.S. Patent No. 6,025,773 to Bresnan; ~~U.S. Patent No. 4,791,114 to Mandel, and~~ U.S. Patent No. 4,620,816 to Kupfer.

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Referring to Figure 1, it can be observed that there are a plurality of pathway forming discrete edge elements as, for example, floor or ground mountable small discrete markers ~~to~~ 20 which form a guide path 22 for a plurality of individuals waiting, for example, in a line. There is also an elongate end of the line element 24 which defines the end of that guide path 22. In addition, and if desired, guidance elements in the form of footprints ~~26~~ 25 may also be provided, as shown in the embodiment of Figure 1, to further outline the queuing arrangement for the group of individuals. In this particular embodiment, the guide pathway forming elements ~~to~~ 20 and the end of the line element 24 are discrete components which are physically mounted to a floor surface, much in the manner as described in my co-pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/307,337, filed May 6, 1999.